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SUBJECT: UGANDA: INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS

THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING
SUMMARY OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS IN UGANDA.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. AS PART OF HIS CAMPAIGN TO RESTORE DISCIPLINE
AND PROPRIETY, PRESIDENT AMIN RELIEVED LT. COL. NASUR
FROM HIS POST AS COMMANDER OF THE "SUICIDE REGIMENT"
IN MASAKA, AN ELITE UNIT UNDER THE DIRECT COMMAND OF
THE PRESIDENT. NASUR WAS CHARGED WITH HAVING FAILED
PROPERLY TO REPORT CLASHES BETWEEN SOLDIERS AND
CIVILIANS. BY OUSTING NASUR, AMIN APPEARS TO BE
REACTING TO INCIDENTS IN MASAKA SEVERAL MONTHS AGO
IN WHICH MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED
FOLLOWING THE MURDER OF A PROMINENT MUSLIM.

THE PRESIDENT MAY ALSO BE AIMING AT CURTAILING THE
INFLUENCE OF THE SO-CALLED "GROUP OF NUBIANS" IN THE
ARMY WHOSE CENTER OF POWER IS THE MALIRE REGIMENT IN
BOMBO NORTH OF KAMPALA. THIS GROUP ALSO INCLUDES THE
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RELIEVED COMMANDER IN MASAKA, THE GOVERNOR OF THE
CENTRAL PROVINCE AROUND KAMPALA AND MINISTER RAMATHAN.

2. THE DRIVER OF THE OTHER VEHICLE IN THE TRAFFIC
ACCIDENT IN WHICH VICE PRESIDENT MUSTAFA WAS INVOLVED
FOURTEEN DAYS AGO WAS KILLED. THE OFFICIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT SAID THAT HE HAD DIED OF HIS INJURIES ON

HIS WAY TO THE HOSPITAL. WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED
WAS THAT MUSTAFA'S BODYGUARD SHOT HIM EITHER IN RAGE OR
NERVOUSNESS. THERE IS, HOWEVER, NO BASIS TO PRESS
REPORTS FROM KENYA TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE HAD BEEN
AN ATTEMPT ON MUSTAFA'S LIFE, THAT SHOOTING DEVELOPED
BETWEEN THE STATE RESEARCH SERVICE AND MUSTAFA'S
BODYGUARD, OR THAT THE LATTER HAD SHOT A TOTAL OF
TWELVE PEOPLE.

3. QUIET PREVAILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THERE
ARE NO SPECIAL SECURITY CONTROLS. FROEWIS.

END TEXT.
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